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OBTUSE Progress Report, 15 December 1953 Through 14 January 1954

1. There were no leaflet raids during this period due to weather conditions.
2. On 12 January an experimental leaflet and article drop was carried out on OBATLANTIS. Blank leaflets were successfully dropped and the scatter was good. Several razor and razor blade envelopes, needle and thread envelopes, soap and comb envelopes flour bag, clothing bag, thread, cigarette papers and razor blade envelopes; one chicken by parachute and one rooster by free fall were dropped. The razor and razor blade envelopes burst in the air due to the weight of the razor and quality of the paper envelope, therefore the articles scattered widely making retrieving almost impossible except by organized search. The needle and thread envelopes had a very good scatter. The soap and comb envelopes had little scatter but landed intact. The flour bags split upon hitting the earth and the flour spread out in nice white clouds. The clothing bags had little scatter. The thread, cigarette papers and razor blade envelopes had a very good scatter. OBOPUS is happy to report that the hen in parachute and the rooster who sailed to earth on his own steam came through the ordeal in fine shape and are now residents of OBATLANTIS. All drops were made at about 350 feet.

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